BLM Desert District Advisory Council Dumont Dunes Subgroup MINUTES OF MEETING September 15, 2009

Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office Conference Room 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 252-6000

#### 1. Call to Order

TRT Chairman Bill Presch called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the subgroup in a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### A. Introductions

Members of the subgroup, participating BLM staff, and members of the general public introduced themselves:

### Subgroup Members Present:

Dr. William Presch, chairman; Biological Sciences Terry Allen, vice chairman; Nevada OHV Randy Banis, secretary; Desert Advisory Council Jim Bramham, California OHV Brian Brown, Local Community John Dalgleish, Friends of Dumont Dunes Kathleen Stosuy, California OHV Ed Waldheim, California OHV

## **BLM Staff Present:**

Roxie Trost, Manager, Barstow Field Office Don Maruska, consultant, California State Office (via speakerphone)

#### Subgroup Members Absent:

Gerry Hillier, San Bernardino County

#### Guests:

Mike Woods, Friends of Dumont Dunes; Dumont Dunes Riders Karl Smith, AMA District 37 David DiNicola, Friends of Dumont Dunes; Dumont Dunes Riders Kelly DiNicola, Friends of Dumont Dunes; Dumont Dunes Riders Meg Grossglass, Offroad Business Association; Desert Advisory Council

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## B. Agenda

Bill Presch opened the agenda to additions and changes. The agenda was approved by consent.

#### C. Minutes

Being the first meeting, the Subgroup had no prior minutes to approve.

## 1. Old Business

## A. Subgroup Guidelines

Item was deferred for a conference call with Don Maruska scheduled for later in the meeting.

## 2. New Business

## A. Assignment of Terms

By random drawing, the following terms were assigned:

#### 2 Year Terms:

Jim Bramham, John Dalgleish, Bill Presch, Ed Waldheim

#### 4 Year Terms:

Terry Allen, Randy Banis, Brian Brown, Gerry Hillier, Kathy Stosuy

#### B. Election of Officers

By consent, the body nominated and elected the following members as officers:

Chairman: Bill Presch

Vice Chairman: Terry Allen Secretary: Randy Banis

## 3. Status Updates

Roxie Trost updated the Subgroup on a number of issues including:

- Passes will be sold at the upcoming Offroad Expo at a reduced price.
- Presented summary report of receipts and expenses for the 2008/2009 season:

 2009 Receipts:
 \$598,156

 2008 Carry-over:
 \$26,639

 Available Funds:
 \$624,795

 2009 Expenses:
 (\$601,871)

 Remaining:
 \$22,924

- Announced that Dumont Dunes operations will receive a CA OHV grant for approximately \$150,000.

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- Discussed the need to connect the helipad command post to electricity, estimated to cost \$6,000. Jim Bramham moved, and Terry Allen seconded, a recommendation that the Barstow Field Office seek an additional bid to complete the necessary electrical connections. The motion passed by consent.

#### 1. Old Business

## A. Subgroup Guidelines

Bill Presch entertained an earlier item that was deferred for a scheduled conference call with consultant Don Maruska. The Subgroup reviewed a draft Guide to Effective Engagement of Stakeholder Groups with California BLM, and discussed its role as a Subgroup of the Desert Advisory Council.

Following the conference call, Bill Presch returned to the agenda item for Status Updates.

#### 3. Status Updates

Roxie Trost continued to update the Subgroup on a number of issues including:

- Staff schedule at Dumont Dunes, regular and holiday.
- Reported that work may begin in January on a perimeter fence project funded by a CA OHV grant of approximately \$525,000.

#### 4. Public Comments

Terry Allen announced that Friends of Dumont Dunes and the Dumont Dunes Riders would be holding a Poker Run on November 14, 2009.

Chairman Bill Presch left the meeting at 12:00 noon and passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Terry Allen.

Guest Mike Woods urged the Subgroup to recommend to the BLM that a Second Vehicle pass be made available for family use.

Guest Kelly DiNicola suggested that the BLM use a special, easy-to-identify flag on its vehicles in the dunes for added visibility to the public.

#### 5. Next Meeting

By consent, the TRT set the following date, time and location for its next public meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 10:00 AM, BLM Barstow Field Office Conference Room.

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# 6. Adjournment

Randy Banis moved, and Dalgleish seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Banis Secretary, DAC Dumont Dunes Subgroup

Approved on December 1, 2009

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## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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